



Department of Health and Human Services  
West Nile Virus Highlights  
October 1, 2004 (to date)

**HUMAN CASES (654 in California as of 10/1//04, 10:13 a.m.)**

**Nationally\***: 1,875 human cases have been reported in 39 States and the District of Columbia; 56 deaths have been reported in 19 States.

**California**: 654 West Nile Virus Infections have been reported in 20 local health jurisdictions, and 16 deaths statewide.

**Long Beach**: 13 West Nile Virus infections have been reported, and 1 death (on 8/9/04). 339 WNV tests conducted in our Public Health Laboratory.

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**WNV SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL IN LONG BEACH (ongoing)**

**Birds**

- ♦ **32 WNV positive** birds found in 10 Long Beach Zip Codes (51 birds total tested).

**Mosquitoes**

- ♦ **48 mosquito pools tested WNV positive** in nine Long Beach Zip Codes.

**Chickens**

- ♦ **14 birds in all of the City's four chicken coops tested WNV positive.**

**Vector Control Programs**

- ♦ **Hundreds of miles** of gutter, storm drain and other mosquito breeding sites are sprayed monthly in the City to control mosquito populations.

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**WNV COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH IN LONG BEACH (ongoing)**

- ♦ 19 community presentations reaching several hundred residents
- ♦ 9 presentations to local physicians/hospital groups
- ♦ 4 presentations to City Council
- ♦ Participation in regional media campaign
- ♦ 9 press releases and 22 articles in local and regional publications
- ♦ Door-to-Door Outreach Campaign by Health Inspectors - 2,005 residents reached

**\*National statistics are underreported due to reporting delays.**